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GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK & BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Superintendent Steve Martin and Forest Supervisor Kniffy Hamilton announced that fire restrictions are now being lifted in Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Jointly, all fire and smoking restrictions were lifted effective Monday, September 9, 2002. Teton County will maintain current fire restrictions until further notice.

In Grand Teton National Park, wood and/or charcoal fires will be allowed at park campgrounds and picnic areas as long as they are limited to established fire pits or fire grates. Backcountry fires are allowed only in established fire rings at lakeshore campsites and must be attended at all times. Permits are required to camp in any of the park's backcountry sites.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest also allows wood and/or charcoal campfires in the backcountry in established fire rings only. Permits are not required for non-commercial, backcountry national forest users.

All park visitors and forest users are required to attend their campfires at all times. Additionally, only dead and down wood may be used as firewood in both the forest and park. The purpose of these restrictions is to provide for human safety, to protect personal property and to preserve the area's natural resources.

With cooler temperatures, recent precipitation, and higher humidity, the fire danger has been reduced to a rating of "Moderate". Although fire restrictions have been lifted, park visitors and forest users are asked to be extremely cautious when using fire and are reminded that fire restrictions could be reinstated if conditions change.

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